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Mr. Lavender rites pending

Merle M. Lavender, 71, of Feb. 27, 1910, in the Gilman area. He had lived in Los Angeles for the past 30 years and had been employed as an aircraft machinist.

1320 S. Bonnie Brae, Los Angeles, a former Gilman resident, died Wednesday noon at a Los Angeles nursing home. He is survived by a sister, Iris Ellen Tryba of Springville, Ala. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Brook Lavender.

Funeral services are pending at the Smith Funeral Home here, where friends may call for additional information. The son of Leslie G. and Mae Milam Lavender, he was born

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November 2, 1987
Merle M. Lavender, 71, of Los Angeles died Wednesday, Oct. 28, at Lakewood Manor Nursing Home in Los Angeles.

Graveside services were conducted at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Prairie View Cemetery in Gilman, with the Rev. Jerry D. Cassiday of the Gilman Community United Church of Christ officiating. Pallbearers were David Elliott, Jeffrey Harris, Terry Harris, Tom Harris, Mark Kingery and Scott Kingery. Honorary bearers were Floyd Bender,

Harold Ingraham, Robert Lavender, Edward Rainey, James Rainey, Harold Showalter and Fred Weaver.

The son of Leslie G. and Mae Milam Lavender, he was born Feb. 27, 1910, near Gilman. He attended Gilman schools and later moved to the Los Angeles area where he was employed by Douglas Aircraft Co. as a machinist.

Survivors include a sister, Icia Ellen Tryba of Springville, Ala.